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of the Academy of Science was returned to Moscow. Professor Keller died, and he was replaced Professor Tsitsin's views were very different from those of Professor Keller and so the whole program for establishing the Botanical Condens as the state of	ch Teitein 50X1-HUM
There was so much confusion and chaos	50X1-HUN
2. The main wood producing tree in the USSR is the Pinus Silvestris. This is a species of pine tree, and though it is not the exclusive member of the pine species in the USSR it is motorbackly the	Les 50X1-HUM
in the USSR it is undoubtedly the most predominant. From the statistics the very meager information it appeared that Transetes Pini was the most serious fungus attacker of this tree. This fungus produces a kind of rot in the tree and can render a large amount of timber unusable to the product of the product of timber unusable to the product of timber unusable to the product of timber unusable to the product of the product of timber unusable to the product of timber unusable to the product of timber unusable to the product of	50X1-HUM
To point up the backwardness of the USSR in this field, formany had almost com-	50X1-HUN
at reforestation but at that time it was only a piecemeal effort. Reforestation even when taken more seriously would be difficult in the USSR because of the long, hard winters.	50X1-HUM
3. After timber is cut, the subsequent removal to the market is quite a problem in the USSR because of transportation. Many board feet of lumber ret on the grand before transportation becomes available to move it to a point where it can be processed. This problem seemed to be of a great deal of concern to the Soviets since they were willing to spend considerable money on wood preserving equipment. This was the only phase of forestry or wood preservation that seemed to justify any funds. The Soviets had obviously seen and were attempting to pattern their equipment after that used in the US one wood preserving plant near Faku, and it was of the type used in the US. That is, it had a large tower where creosote is forced into the wood upder very high pressure.	50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM
4. The governmental arrangement in the USSR for the handling of forestry and timber was so steeped in red tape that it was very difficult to accomplish much in the way of wood preservation. The Ministry of Forestry was in charge of wood until it was cut. At that point it reverted to the Ministry of Timber. Professor (fnu) Miller, who spoke perfect German, was head of the Ministry of Timber. He was a very efficient person but was able to accomplish little because of lack of appropriations and red tape. The Ministry of Forestry handled such things as disease of trees while the Ministry of Timber was in charge of wood cutting machines, removal of lumber, and wood preservation. All in all, it was a very awayard set up.	
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